

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of the Claims**

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) A marker for marking a cavity site within the body of a mammalian patient from which a tissue sample has been removed, said marker comprising bioabsorbable material, and being characterized by remaining present at the cavity site in sufficient quantity to permit detection and location of the cavity site for at least a predetermined first time period after introduction to the cavity site.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The marker of claim 24 wherein the marker is detectable by palpation.

27-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Original) The marker of claim 24 wherein the marker is detectable by radiographic imaging.

31. (Original) The marker of claim 24 wherein the marker comprises at least one sponge.

32. (Cancelled)